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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

March 14 – 7:30 Village Council Meeting

March 22 – 7:00 Parks and Rec. Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

MARCH 9, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SAGES ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTATO DINNER

MARCH 10, 6:00 PM, FAITH CHURCH, RSVP TO ANN HAEGELE

CPR CLASS

MARCH 11, 9:00 AM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS (NAIC INVESTMENT STUDY CLUB)

MARCH 16, 7:00 PM, 5708 HOOVER STREET

LAKE PARK HOA KITE FESTIVAL

MARCH 18, 10:00 – 1:00, FOUNDER'S PARK

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

MARCH 20, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY WATCH MEETING

MARCH 25, 1:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

EASTER EGG HUNT (10:00 AM)

EASTER BONNET PARADE (NOON)

APRIL 15, GAZEBO ACROSS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSN – QUARTERLY BOARD MTG

APRIL 17, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

Upcoming Parks and Rec Events

April 15 - Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10 a.m. - bring something to collect eggs in. We will be doing the hunt in age categories with the little ones first.

April 15 - 12 noon, Easter Bonnet parade and contest. Come and show off your best hat - will be in age categories. All will take place at the Gazebo across from the Community Center.

Taxpayer Dollars Saved

When estimates of over \$2400 were received to paint the community room and the foyer in the Community Center, the Village of Lake Park Parks & Recreation commission made the decision to do the painting themselves. Paint and supplies for this room totaled less than \$150. Another "paint day" will be scheduled in the near future to paint the foyer. Materials estimated for this area will be less than \$150, creating a total savings of over \$2000, and demonstrating Council's commitment to efficient use of village funds.

The council realized other significant savings in the process of fixing the chimes in the clock tower. Instead of hiring a contractor to isolate the problems and to ultimately install a new amplifier and rewire new speakers, Council member Greg Crosby provided all of the work at no cost to the village. His effort saved the village at least \$800 to \$1000.

February Council Meeting

Highlights from the February 14 meeting

The following are highlights from the discussions by the Lake Park Council during their February meeting:

- The council met the new deputy sheriff now assigned to Lake Park, Jason Miles. Deputy Miles has been with the Union County Sheriff's department for 5 years – part of that time being the Indian Trail contract officer. One of the first changes that he implemented as the Lake Park deputy is altering the shift schedule to be five 8-hour shifts instead of four 10-hour shifts. This will provide dedicated coverage for one more day of the week, thus allowing for better coverage at times when problems can occur in the village. (See the insert for a letter from Deputy Miles)

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- The budget officer, Cheryl Bennett, reported that the village spending continues to track favorably with the budget. She also reported that the village is now earning more interest on its bank accounts than ever before. Council voted to move the accounts to a new bank when Ms. Bennett reported her evaluation of competitive bank services soon after her appointment.
- The Parks and Recreation commission is evaluating several vendors to secure a pest control contract for the community center. The commission is also working on a proposal for handling waterfowl to address issues raised by the bird population.
- The Village received a reply to its request to the NC DOT to place stop signs on Faith Church Road to slow the traffic. The department declined the request stating that current use and conditions on Faith Church do not merit additional stop signs at this time.
- Mayor Ross recently attended a meeting to discuss the proposed western portion of the Monroe Bypass. Due to environmental concerns with the heel splitter mussel, any activity on this project in the next few years seems very unlikely.
- The council recognized Kendall Spence and Sandy Coughlin in new standing council roles focused on economic development. They are researching opportunities to promote existing and new business within Lake Park. (See the insert regarding Lake Park economic development.)

For your information...

CPR Class

You can make a difference!

Captain Chris Yates of the Hemby Bridge Fire Department will be conducting a refresher course and demonstration of the latest CPR techniques. It will be held at 9:00 AM, Saturday, March 11, 2006 at the Lake Park Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. NOTE: this is not a class for certification.

Thank you from the Parks and Rec Commission

The village would like to thank the following individuals who gave their time to paint the "community" room on February 18: Fleta Thomas, Kendall Spence, Don Carrares, Doyle and Jo Waybright, Kelly Carelock and Glori Perrin. The group would also like to extend a special thanks to Jo & Doyle for providing a wonderful breakfast. If you would like to be a volunteer on the Parks & Recreation commission, contact Fleta Thomas at 704-882-6519.

Security Report

For January 2005

The Sheriff's department responded to a total of 99 calls in Lake Park for the month of January – up slightly from the 91 in December. Among the calls were 39 for traffic stops, 15 for disturbances, and 5 for property damage.

Community Watch Meeting

Deputy Jason Miles will be hosting a meeting to discuss community watch and village involvement in promoting a safe and crime-free environment. The meeting will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, March 25 at 1:00.